

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

Met at twenty-seven minutes after one o'clock P.M., with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointment to the House Committee on Technology and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Committee on Technology and Government Affairs.

There being no objection, the Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Madaro of Boston to the committee on Technology and Intergovernmental Affairs, to fill the existing vacancy.

Appointments to Joint Standing Committees.

Committee Appointments.

There being no objection, the Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Madaro of Boston to the joint standing committees on Health Care Financing, Municipalities and Regional Government and State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, to fill the existing vacancies.

Statement Concerning Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Statement concerning Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Ms. Peisch of Wellesley was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Peisch of Wellesley, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled commitment connected to her duties as House Chair of the committee on Education. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement Concerning Representative Story of Amherst.

Statement concerning Ms. Story of Amherst.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Ms. Story of Amherst was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Story of Amherst, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to an immediate pressing family situation. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Paper from the Senate.

Rape,—paternity rights.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel A. Wolf for legislation to deny paternity rights to perpetrators of rape, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1964) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James M. Cantwell and Robert L. Hedlund relative to the Dam and Seawall Removal Fund. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Dam and Seawall Removal Fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to the awarding of sheet metal work contracts. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sheet metal work contracts.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Dennis A. Rosa and Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jeremy Bray, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service. Jeremy Bray,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to the tax status of certain land owned by housing authorities. To the committee on Revenue. Housing authorities,— tax status.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to promote sales tax fairness for main street retailers (House, No. 2569),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Revenue. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Small businesses,— tax fairness.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

To provide volunteer firefighters with a local option real estate tax exemption (House, No. 2583); Firefighters,— tax exemption.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Raoul Santos, an employee of Military Division (House, No. 3625); and Raoul Santos,— sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Craig Lindberg, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3642); Craig Lindberg,— sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report, in part, of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendment (see Senate document numbered 1930) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2016 for the maintenance of the depart- Eastham,— land.

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ments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3401), recommending, a Bill relative to the conveyance of easements in the town of Eastham (House, No. 3651), was accepted. The report then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

The report, in part, of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendment (see Senate document numbered 1930) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2016 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3650), was considered.

Conference
committee
report
accepted,—
yea and nay
No. 56.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 56 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

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At five minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seven minutes after five o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measures.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2016 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (see House, No. 3650), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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Order.

On motion of Mr. Deleo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.